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TITLE: MEANS FOR CONNECTING PIPES COMPRISING AN AXIAL PRESS
SURFACE TO TAKE AXIAL PRESSURE FROM A PRELOADING
TOOLTHE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove the characterizing language and reference numerals, and to correct minor grammatical informalities. No new matter has been added.

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